Trade relations with Trinidad

2350. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to expand economic co-operation and trade relation with Trinidad; and

(b) if so, what are the items in which trade relation is proposed to be established with Trinidad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Some possibilities towards expand economic co-operation and trade relations between India and Trinidad have been explored recently. A delegation from M|s. National Energy Corporation of Trinidad visited India in January, 1985 followed by another visit in June 1985. During their discussions with MMTC agreement for purchase of 1,20,000 tons of Urea from Trinidad was signed for shipment during 1985.

Regarding imports from India by Trinidad, possibilities in regard to such items as distribution type insulations, power transformer, switch gears and iron ore were discussed during the recent visit of a delegation that accompanied the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

Purchase of Indian Tea by China

2351. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China proposes to buy tea from India; and

(b) whether any accord has been reached between China and India for this purpose, if so, the total quantity of tea proposed to be purchased by China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A delegation from China Native Produce and Byproducts Imports & Exports Corporation of the people's Republic of China recently visited India and indicated an interest in purchasing Indian tea. No firm contract has, as yet, been signed.

Training centres for the staff of Union Bank of India

2352. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Bank of India has opened some training centres for its staff;

(b) if so, what is the location of those training centres;

(c) whether Union Bank of India proposes to open some more training centres for the staff during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, whether any such training centre is proposed to be set up by Union Bank of India in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Union Bank of India has reported that it has a Staff College located at Bangalore and 7 Training Centres located at the following places —

(1) Alwaye (Kerala), (2) Ahmedabad (Gujarat), (3) Bangalore (Karnataka), Bhubaneshwar (Orissa), (5) Bordi (Maharashtra), (6) Ghazipur (Uttar Pradesh) and (7) Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) One Training Centre has already been set up at Bhubaneshwar in Orissa on 19-7-85.

Special Bearer Bonds

2353. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount yielded through the sale of Special Bearer Bonds since it was introduced, till date;